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SUBJECT: RESUMED TENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD-
GROUP B MEETING AUGUST 31

REF: (A) STATE 214951, (B) VIENNA 6850, (C) GENEVA 6049

1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF GROUP B DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS
POINTS ON RESUMED IDB-X AGENDA.

2. INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK: THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(ID/B/C. 3/52) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AND NOT
PC-VIII AS SCHEDULED BY THE SECRETARIAT (REF B). GROUP B
CHAIRMAN WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE UP THIS POINT AT AUGUST 31 P.M.
MEETING OF EXPANDED IDB BUREAU. AS FOR POSITION TO BE
TAKEN ON THE REPORT IN THE BOARD, FRG REP NOTED THAT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO 61ST ECOSOC (REF C) AND
BACKGROUND DOCUMENT C.3/52 WERE NOT, ACCORDING TO HIS
INFORMATION, IDENTICAL WITH REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR THE
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31ST GA. FRG ARGUED THAT, WHILE IT WAS PREPARED TO BE

"POSITIVE" WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE INDUSTRIAL INFO BANK, THE BOARD SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE 31ST GA THAT UNIDO NOT BE GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED TO LAUNCH THE BANK EVEN ON A PILOT BASIS UNTIL THE PC/IDB HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE FINAL REPORT ON THE PROJECT AT THEIR SPRING 1977 SESSIONS (PC-IX, IDB-XI). EVEN IF FINAL REPORT TO GA TURNED OUT TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT CONTAINED IN C.3/52, THE PROPER PLACE FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE THE SECOND COMMITTEE BUT THE GOVERNING BODIES OF UNIDO AT THEIR NEXT SESSIONS. THUS, WHILE FRG PREPARED TO SEE FINANCIAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATED BY 31ST GA FOR PILOT OPERATION IN 1977 (TS 1000, PAGE F-25) SUCH RESOURCES SHOULD ONLY BECOME AVAILABLE TO UNIDO FOR EXPENDITURE AFTER IDB-XI HAD COMPLETE ITS STUDY OF THE FULL SECRETARIAT REPORT AND CONCERNED IN LAUNCHING THE OPERATION. AS FOR FINANCING, FRG VIEW WAS THAT THE BANK SHOULD BE FINANCED AT LEAST IN PART BY CHARGING FOR SERVICES AND THAT THE REGULAR BUDGET SHOULD NOT BEAR THE FULL COSTS. THERE WAS NO DISSENT FROM FRG LINE, ALTHOUGH MOST GROUP B REPS WERE WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

3. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: VARIOUS GROUP B REPS FELT THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE ENTIRE PACKAGE (BASIC RESOLUTION DRAFTED AT IDB-X AND ANNEXES II AND III) PROCESSED THROUGH THE BOARD AND PLACED BEFORE THE 31ST GA RATHER THAN HOLDING OFF ACTION ON ANNEXES UNTIL AFTER 31ST GA HAD ACTED ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FUND. REASONING WAS THAT LANGUAGE OF PART V AS IT EMERGED FROM IDB-X IS AT LEAST AMBIGUOUS ON THE QUESTION OF THE CURRENCIES IN WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE AND THAT THE ISSUE OF ASSURING THAT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES SUFFICIENT TO COVER OVERHEAD COSTS ON THE SAME BASIS AS UNDP SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE BOARD BEFORE FINAL VOTING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND TAKES PLACE IN THE GA.

4. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN GROUP B MEETING FOLLOW
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